

KNOCKING AT THE STATEHOOD DOOR

New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arizona and Indian Territory Ask to Be Admitted.

WEALTH AND POPULATION

Splendid Showing Made in Reports to the Interior Department—What the Territories Offer.

(By James P. Hornsby, Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, November 26.—The possibility of the Territories of Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Indian Territory being admitted to statehood during the coming session of Congress has naturally led to much inquiry with reference to the stage of development the Territories have reached.

The annual reports of the Governors of the Territories just received at the office of the Secretary of the Interior supply a vast amount of detailed information which the Senate committee on Territories will not doubt make use of when it meets here next week to prepare its report to the Senate.

Alexander O. Brodie, Governor of Arizona, shows that that Territory is the sixth largest political division in the United States, having within its boundaries 115,000 square miles. The Governor declares that the "variety of its resources, the beauty of its climate and the grandeur of its scenery make it one of the most interesting and attractive of the grand subdivisions of the United States."

In 1900 Arizona constituted a county in the Territory of New Mexico. It became a separate Territory in 1908. The census of 1900 gave the Territory a population of 123,512, of which 92,908 were white, 26,480 Indians, 1,848 negroes and 3,376 Japanese. There are in the Territory about 22,000 persons of foreign birth, and of this number 10 per cent. are Mexicans.

The net bonded and floating indebtedness of the Territory is \$1,065,441, a considerable increase over last year. The assessed valuation of taxable property in the Territory increased during the year to \$39,057,177. The average rate of taxation in the Territory is excessively high as compared with wealthier and older commonwealths. The Territory has two hundred and fifty-nine children in the schools of the Territory, an increase of 1,570 over last year.

Of All Denominations. There are 153 churches in the Territory with all the denominations represented. June 29 the deposits in the National Banks in the Territory amounted to \$7,015,567. The largest pine forests in the Territory are in the northern part of Arizona, and cover an almost unbroken area of 10,000 square miles.

A number of forest reserves were made during the last year, removing large areas of land from entry. The settlement of lands, the Governor says, progressed rapidly during the year. Mining occupies the first place in the Territory's industries, the production of copper, gold, silver and lead being very great. The last year was characterized by great activity in mining and a great influx of capital. Governor Brodie reiterates the request that the Territory be admitted to the Union.

More People in New Mexico. New Mexico leads Arizona in population. According to the last census it contained 135,312 souls. Governor Miguel A. Otero, in his report, says the estimated population June 1 of this year was 246,700, of which 12,700 were Indians. Secretary Hitchcock, of the Interior department, says the financial standing of the Territory is excellent. Under beneficent acts of recent legislative assemblies it has been possible to accumulate a surplus in nearly every fund in the treasury.

The bonded debt on June 1, this year, was \$1,180,000, on which there was paid during the year \$57,000. The territorial tax levy for all purposes is now only 12.99 mills, a rate much lower than prevails anywhere else in the far West. There are fourteen national banks in the Territory, an increase of four during the last year. In addition there are twelve banks operating under territorial laws. The deposits in the banks of all kinds aggregate about \$10,000,000. During the last year 235 new corporations were chartered. One hundred and ten of the number were for the purpose of mining, milling and smelting.

Coincident with the development of the industrial affairs in the Territory, the Governor says, has come great advancement in educational lines. The school population is set down as 23,864, an increase of 18 per cent. over the previous year. Less than 15 per cent. of the population is unable to read and write. Ninety-two per cent. of the people, it is asserted, speak the English language. During the last year new railroads for the Territory were capitalized at \$2,356,000. The charters issued call for the construction of 384 miles of road.

Growth of Cattle Industry. The cattle industry in the Territory is growing steadily. Within the year 123,500 head of cattle were inspected for removal from the Territory. The Territory claims first place as owner of more sheep than any State or Territory. It is estimated that the live stock now on the range is worth \$40,000,000. The annual output of the copper smelters is valued at \$1,000,000. An interesting chapter in the Governor's report is devoted to the

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THE SUSPICIOUS TURKEY: A SAD TALE OF WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26



News from Every Part of Indiana

thermal springs of the Territory, of which there are a great variety, both hot and cold. It is fifty-six years since this Territory was acquired by conquest, and fifty-four since it was formally annexed by treaty.

Oklahoma's Showing. The population of Oklahoma, the third of the Territories that may be admitted this session, is more than equal to that of Arizona and New Mexico combined.

During the last year the assessors of the Territory took a census and Governor Thomas B. Ferguson says this count shows the population to be 51,689. This enumeration indicates an average of fourteen persons to the square mile. The area of the Territory is 35,330 square miles.

Geographically, Oklahoma is a Southern State, but Governor Ferguson says that the habits and occupations of the people are more like those of the North. It is noted by the report that the Territory is essentially American, the foreign-born being less than 1 per cent. The percentage of illiteracy is 5 1/2 per cent. Over three million acres of land were homesteaded during the year, and 116,000 children were in the schools of the Territory.

It is declared in the report that the railroad facilities in the Territory are almost equal to those of any of the States. The grain shipments are equal to those of States of the same area. The Territory is now exporting thousands of carloads of wheat direct to Europe, via Galveston.

Stock-Raising Country. The territory is primarily a stock-raising country. Its vast prairies, covered with an abundance of nutritious grasses, and its streams of pure water, lined with forests, make it an ideal pasture land. There are twenty cities of the first class in the Territory, five having been incorporated during the last year. The Governor says that Oklahoma is in every respect qualified to take a place among the union of States.

The probability is that when the question of admitting the three Territories to statehood comes up for consideration in the Senate, the material showing will not be of as much consequence as the political showing. Oklahoma and New Mexico are regarded as safely Republican, while Arizona is Democratic. It looks as if the fortunes of the three Territories are so linked that they must stand or fall together.

COMMITTEE'S WORK DONE. Senator Beveridge in Indianapolis En Route East.

Senator Beveridge, with a subcommittee of the Senate committee on Territories, of which he is chairman, has just finished an official trip through New Mexico, Arizona and the Indian Territory. He returned to this city for a few hours today. He will go to Washington at once, where his committee will meet preparatory to submitting its report on the statehood question, December 2.

Within a little over two weeks' time the committee traveled over 5,000 miles and held hearings in the principal cities of each of the four Territories. Indiana men with the committee were A. D. Ogborn, of Newcastle, who was the official reporter; S. E. Hinshaw, who acted as assistant reporter, and Thomas R. Shipp, secretary of the committee. Five hundred typewritten pages of testimony were taken.

ANTI-LYNCHING LAW. Senator Johnston Will Advocate Its Repeal Before Next Legislature.

Senator W. H. Johnston, of Crawfordville, will advocate the repeal of the anti-lynching law at the coming session of the Legislature, as he believes it is unfair to sheriffs and is also unconstitutional. The law, which was enacted after a long debate two years ago, vacates the office of a sheriff from whom a prisoner is taken and lynched, unless the sheriff can prove to the Governor that he used every precaution against violence.

"The law," said Johnston, "does not prevent lynchings. It only serves to put a heavy penalty on sheriffs who may not be able to blame."

Senator Johnston said the people did not want the sheriff of Sullivan county removed from office. He does not believe the sheriff can be blamed for not saving the life of the negro who had been identified by his victims.

While the anti-lynching law, in his opinion, should be repealed, he said he would be more than willing to vote to make assaults on women a capital offense.

STARR FOR BOTH SENATORS. It Is Said That He Favors the Re-Election of Fairbanks a Beveridge.

Governor Durbin has ordered an election in Wayne county, December 20, to fill the vacancy in the State Senate caused by the death of C. C. Binkley.

It is reported that Benjamin Starr will be the Republican nominee. The county is strongly Republican. Charles B. Shively, of Richmond, says Mr. Starr will be elected. He says Mr. Starr was quoted as having said in an interview in Richmond paper to the effect that he favors the re-election of both Fairbanks and Beveridge to the United States Senate.

There were doubts whether Mr. Binkley, had he lived, would have voted for Senator Beveridge for re-election in 1906, should there be another candidate. It is the information of some of the State officers that Mr. Binkley disapproved of the way in which one of Senator Beveridge's Richmond friends tried to pledge him for 1906.

BARCUS AFTER THE TRUSTS. His Resolution Asking Congress to Call National Convention.

James S. Barcus, of Terre Haute, Senator-elect from Vigo, Vermilion and Parke counties, will probably introduce a resolution during the coming session of the Legislature requesting Congress to call a national constitutional convention to amend the laws for the regulation of trusts. The call must be issued on request of the Legislatures of two-thirds the States, and Barcus would have Indiana take the initiative.

News from Every Part of Indiana

CENTERVILLE—Jeremiah Swafford, a pioneer farmer, is dead at the age of eighty-nine years.

CONVERSE—Mr. and Mrs. John Rosebrough celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last evening.

JEFFERSONVILLE—William Chapler fell from a log wagon which he was driving, and ran over his head. He is dead from his injuries.

BROOKVILLE—Elmer Rockwell, age fifteen years, caught his hand in a planer at a sawmill, yesterday, and had it completely torn off.

MARION—An election was held in Matthews yesterday to vote for the incorporation of the town. The vote was 265 to 4 in favor of the idea.

HANOVER—P. C. Snyder will represent Hanover College at the State oratorical contest, having defeated P. L. Litterer in the college contest last night.

ANDERSON—Daniel F. Kaufman is negotiating for the property of the late Howell D. Thompson. He intends to erect a business block on the site.

NEW ALBANY—A freight wreck occurred yesterday on the Southern railway between Milltown and Marengo, about thirty miles west of here. A number of cars were wrecked.

LAFAYETTE—The Fortieth Indiana Regiment held its annual reunion yesterday with seventy members present. In the evening a campfire was held. The next morning a picnic was held.

ELKHART—Miss Lulu Barnes, who was shot a few weeks ago by Dr. Harry Hainman, and who was thought to be recovering, has suffered a relapse, she has a bad cough and is extremely nervous.

ANDERSON—Madison Moore, formerly a detective for the Richmond division of the Pennsylvania railway, has brought suit for \$20,000 against the Big Four, on account of a freight car falling on his head and injuring him.

JEFFERSONVILLE—Edward Brumback, age sixteen, was assaulted and badly beaten by three unknown men last night, and after being robbed, was thrown into a ditch, where he was found several hours later, mounted his bicycle and escaped.

VINCENNES—Frank Cockerham, a witness in the trial of Thomas Wilson, a faith curial, was arrested in the Circuit Court room yesterday on the charge of criminal negligence in permitting children to die without medical attention.

EVANSVILLE—Will Neal, a driver in a local coal mine, becoming enraged at one of the small mules he was driving, picked up a coupling pin and beat the animal over the head with it until it was dead.

CYNTHIANA—The editor of the Argus states that his family recently dined on a cabbage of the second crop this season. A man of strong individuality, it was said, was the result.

PHILADELPHIA SLAVE TRADE. Police Were Forced to Act by Jewish Societies and German Consul.

PHILADELPHIA, November 26.—The following facts have developed at the hearing in the case of the white girl slaves:

The police have had a thorough knowledge of the places raided by them for at least two years.

They were so intimate with the proprietors and habitués of the resorts that they had no difficulty in obtaining most damaging information when they wanted it.

They acted only because the Jewish societies and the German consul demanded it.

Nearly every house visited by the raiders had from half a dozen to a dozen false names attached and voted for it, thus providing an intimacy between the proprietors and the machine ward leaders.

The white slave syndicate paid tribute in votes or otherwise to the city administration.

When the case of 164 proprietors and inmates of disorderly houses, alleged to have been operated by the "white slave syndicate," came up for a hearing before Magistrate Kochersperger, the prosecution decided that it would be unwise to offer any more evidence than was absolutely necessary to hold the defendants for court.

All the proprietors were held in \$100 bail and the inmates in \$500 each.

WORK FOR THE SENATE. Hanna Says There will be Plenty for Idle Hands to Do.

CLEVELAND, November 26.—When Senator Hanna was asked to outline the work of the Senate he said:

"I expect it will be a busy session and a very important one. The bill for the admission to statehood of Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico is coming up early, and I believe will be disposed of before the Christmas holidays.

"The treaty with the government of Colombia relative to the isthmian canal will also come up early.

"And the ship subsidy bill."

"The Senate has nothing to do with that. It passed the Senate and is now in the House. What will the House do? I don't know."

"Do you expect to take a hand in the speakership contest when you get to Washington?"

"What's the use of asking me such a question? I have nothing absolutely to do with the House and there is no reason why I should. I have troubles enough of my own."

GAGE CAN NOT FORGET. Governor of California Did Not Get Excited Over Thanksgiving Day.

LOS ANGELES, November 26.—Probably the briefest Thanksgiving production ever issued is that from the hand of Henry T. Gage, Governor of this State. It reads thus:

"Conforming with the law and the proclamation of the President of the United States, I, Henry T. Gage, as Governor of California, do hereby proclaim Thursday, the 27th day of November, A. D. 1902, as a legal holiday."

It will be observed that no mention is made of the object for which the day is made a holiday, which suggests that inasmuch as he was a candidate this fall for reinduction for the office of Governor

PREACHED IN THE STREET.

Saloon Keeper Gave Up His Keys at a Freedom Revival.

(Special to The Indianapolis News.) BLOOMFIELD, Ind., November 26.—The Rev. P. H. Faulk, pastor of the local Baptist church, has closed a revival at Freedom. The revival continued for five days, and for three weeks the pastor preached on street corners. Seventy-five people were converted, who will join the Baptist church, and many other converts will become members of other churches.

During one of the meetings a saloon keeper came forward and threw down three keys. "One is to the front door of my saloon," he said, "one is to the rear door and the third is to the cellar. I will never enter that saloon again."

BRITAIN AND VENEZUELA. Diplomatic Relations Are Strained and May Break.

LONDON, November 26.—Diplomatic relations between Great Britain and Venezuela have not been severed up to the present, though the Foreign Office would not be surprised if it was compelled to take a decisive step at any moment. Thus far Venezuela shows no signs of granting the reparations demanded, and the question of the seizure of the Venezuelan customs has been discussed between Berlin and London, as one of the various possible methods of obtaining satisfaction. No decision, however, has been reached regarding the course which shall be finally adopted.

EVANSVILLE—There is a shortage of freight cars here and this may result in an overproduction of coal from the local mines. There is lack of shipping facilities in nearly all lines of business.

ELWOOD—Mrs. May Bradley, a local florist, has shipped a lemon grown by her to President Roosevelt for a stroke of Thanksgiving day. This is a custom she has followed for eight years.

RUSHVILLE—F. D. Dreyer, formerly proprietor of the Rushville Republican, and afterward editor of the Chatham (Mich.) Democrat, "winning a stroke of paralysis, has sold his interests and returned home.

EVANSVILLE—The validity of the city ordinance which assesses daily license on transient merchants has been attacked in the City Court and the defendant won his case. The city has appealed to the Circuit Court.

ELWOOD—Dairymen announce that they will raise the price of milk to 6 1/2 cents a quart. They say it is on account of the high cost of feed and the condition of the streets, which makes additional help necessary.

ALEXANDRIA—A raid was made by the police on gambling-houses yesterday and several persons were arrested. Policeman Hidy was "swapping for a time" because he let one of the prisoners go on his own recognizance.

NEW ALBANY—A boiler at Frank Manu's slaughterhouse exploded yesterday and a man was killed. George Heckel, the City Clerk, was struck by a piece of the boiler and seriously injured about the head.

HAVANA STRIKE ENDS. Business Has Been Resumed and Peace Is Assured.

HAVANA, November 26.—There was a general resumption of work today except in the case of the cigarmakers, who still have several minor questions under consideration. Gauberto Gomez, colored, mentioned as the successor of Diego Tamayo, the secretary of the governor, who recently resigned, Gauberto Gomez, with General Gomez, took a prominent part in the settlement of the strike. His speech to the strikers Monday night is said to have prevented further rioting.

HILL IS A WONDER. Colored Musician Hopes to Have His Sight Restored.

(Special to The Indianapolis News.) NEWCASTLE, Ind., November 26.—Elmer Hill, colored, who has been totally blind for eight years, will consult a Chicago specialist in the hope of having his sight restored. Hill is regarded as a wonder by Newcastle people. He is an accomplished musician and goes about with a violin and a guitar, and his friends rally by the sound of the voice.

STEEL TRUST OFFICES Will be Concentrated at Pittsburgh to Save Expenses.

CHICAGO, November 26.—The United States Steel corporation will concentrate the offices of its various subsidiary companies at Pittsburgh, where they will be near the principal plants of the several companies. This has been decided on, and it is to be carried into effect some time after January.

It is expected to effect a considerable saving in operating expenses.

JEWES AND GENTILES. They Will Unite in a Thanksgiving Service at Paterson, N. J.

NEW YORK, November 26.—A Hebrew and a Christian congregation will hold union Thanksgiving services at Paterson tomorrow morning. The Second Presbyterian church, which has been holding services in the city since the great fire of February 8, will have as guests the members of the Hebrew congregation.

A FALSE HEART. Coffee Does Not Let It Beat True.

"Coffee served me a very bad turn about two years ago. My doctor said I had chronic dyspepsia with serious heart and nervous trouble, and nothing would cure me unless I gave up coffee, said Miss Mattie Williams, of Birmingham, Ala.

"My stomach got so bad that I could not eat any solid food without it nauseating me, and I was so nervous I could not sleep, and my heart was in a dreadful condition. I had heard a great deal about Postum Food Coffee, and how much good people had derived from changing from coffee to Postum, so one day I decided to give it a trial.

"The first cup I drank helped me. For it removed all the gas from my stomach, or perhaps in the quieting of one of the organs around my heart that made me think I had heart trouble; no more sick stomach, no more nervous heart, no more pain. This was two years ago. I am now entirely well, and Postum cured me. I found it was not medicine I needed, but proper food and nourishment and to quit coffee entirely.

"My brother-in-law (a coffee drinker) was very sick with stomach trouble, and all he could do was to get up in the morning and try Postum. He said the first cup he drank soothed his stomach and gave him rest. He was able to eat solid food again, and now he uses it altogether and does not miss coffee.

"My next-door neighbor, another coffee drinker, had suffered with catarrh of the stomach, and for months could not eat anything—was just living on beef tea. I insisted on his trying Postum. He said the first cup he drank soothed his stomach and gave him rest. He was able to eat solid food again, and now he uses it altogether and does not miss coffee.

"I could tell you of dozens of people who have benefited by leaving off coffee and drinking Postum. It has done me so much good, that I have been using it now for two years, and my digestion is fine, my complexion clear, and everyone says I look ten years younger."

CONSUMERS' GAS TRUST PROPERTY IN GAS BELT

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MANY LEASES ON OIL LANDS

Company Owns Wells and Pumping Stations in Madison, Delaware and Grant Counties.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

ANDERSON, Ind., November 26.—The people in this city and all over the gas belt for that matter are watching the affairs of the Consumers' Gas Trust at Indianapolis. One reason for it is that this county has supplied the greater part of the gas that the company has piped into Indianapolis, and there is a friendly feeling for Indianapolis on the part of Anderson.

The Consumers' Trust has more property in this county than it has anywhere else save in Marion county. It has 537 gas and oil leases, the value of which can hardly be estimated. Some of them are worthless because the gas on the farms leased has been exhausted, but the greater portion of them are good for several years. The leases are for gas or oil or minerals.

Previous to 1898 the company paid 50 cents an acre for this land. Since then the rate has been \$1 an acre. The company also pays a royalty on each well, and in the case of oil the farmer on whose land the well is sunk gets a portion of the output.

A conservative estimate on the value of the leases in this county is \$500,000. In Monroe township, where is the biggest oil field in the county, the Trust has pumps for oil that according to the tax return are worth about \$1500.

Value of a Pumping Station. East of Alexandria and south of Gilman the Trust has a splendid pumping station. The value of this station, as estimated by the company, is as follows: Fourteen boilers, \$9,083; three compressors, \$30,328; material, labor, electrical supplies and other things needed in the station, make the cost of it, according to the company's estimate, \$75,525.75, but expert engineers who have examined it say the plant is worth almost double that sum, as it is arranged so that it can be used in the county, as well as in the property of the Consumers' Trust in this county.

Richland township: Fifteen wells, three oil tanks, one derrick, pipe, etc., etc., \$23,847.00. LaFayette township: Twenty-one wells, pipe, etc., \$29,901.00. Monroe township: Twenty-two wells, six oil tanks, five derricks, pipe, etc., \$47,811.00. Van Buren township: Twenty-seven wells, pipe, etc., \$16,668.00. Jackson township: Twenty wells, pipe, etc., \$41,831.00. Storey Creek township: Five wells, pipe, etc., \$2,314.00. Greene township: Six wells, pipe, etc., \$4,629.00. Pipe Creek township: Three wells, pipe, etc., \$252.00.

Total \$204,220.79 Pumping station 75,525.79 Total \$279,746.58

Leases for 45,000 Acres. The Trust has about 45,000 acres of land under lease for oil and gas in this county. In Delaware county the property listed for taxation is as follows:

Washington township, 45 wells, 21,945 pipe, etc., \$34,215. Harrison township, 20 wells, pipe, etc., \$21,945.

Total \$56,160. The company has 150 leases for gas and oil on about 15,000 acres of land.

In Grant county the company has two wells valued at \$1,763, but there is nothing of record to show that the company has a single lease in that county.

An estimate of the real value of the property of the Trust in Madison, Delaware and Grant counties by those who are familiar with such property is as follows:

Leases of all kinds \$ 700,000. Tangible property, wells, pipes, pumping stations, etc., 300,000. Total \$1,000,000.

Some of the business men in this city and Muncie say that \$700,000 is a low estimate of the value of the leases.

County Assessor Moore, of Madison county, is of the opinion that the gas company should pay taxes on their leases, and is having that question investigated by attorney W. H. Blodgett.

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